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# POWER OF THE PRESS

**"Let The Papers Do It," Said Mr. Penwarden--Some Town Councilmen Attend "Shows"--Some Don't--"Main Street Is Treated As A Joke," Said Mayor Kuhbach--"Stone," Crushed and Uncrushed--Cost \$800 To Run Honesdale In November.**

**MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL FINDS ALL MEMBERS PRESENT--INTERESTING LETTER ON "ETERNAL ROAD QUESTION"--BILLS PAID--COMFORTABLE BALANCE IN TREASURY--COMPLAINTS, WRITTEN AND VERBAL--FORMER PREFERRED--ETCET-ERA!**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held last Thursday evening in Town Hall, with a full attendance, the meeting being called to order by the President at 8:16 p. m. Those present were: President, Martin Caufield; secretary, Wynan W. Kimble; treasurer, George Genung; Messrs. George W. Penwarden, Philip R. Murray, Samuel T. Ham, Thomas Canavan, Mayor John Kuhbach and Street Commissioner Lawrence Weidner were also present in their official capacities. Representatives of THE HERALD and THE CITIZEN were also "among those present."

Secretary Kimble read the minutes of the last regular meeting held November 3, which were approved as read. Treasurer Genung read his report, as follows: Balance on hand November 1, \$4,273.80; paid out since, \$2,558.20; balance on hand December 1, \$1,715.60. The payments for the month included a bank note of \$700; \$300.33 to the Fire Department, and \$500 on the Honesdale note, so that the actual running expenses for the month were only \$800. In this connection it was brought out that the Tax Collector owes the borough three or four thousand dollars.

Under reports of committees, Mr. Penwarden, on behalf of the Telephone committee, stated that the telephone for fire use had been installed at a cost of \$41.80; that unlimited service had been granted; that a contract for one year had been signed; and that the telephone was in working order. Upon motion of Mr. Ham seconded by Mr. Genung, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Penwarden reported that Mr. Henry Z. Russell had fixed his sidewalk, on Church street, and Mr. Kimble stated that Mr. Russell had asked him to bring before the Council the fact that the "crossing was lower than his walk now." At the suggestion of President Caufield, the matter was referred to Street Commissioner Weidner.

**Main Street A Joke?**  
"Main street is treated as a joke by a good many people," said Mayor Kuhbach, when the eternal "road" question popped up again. "Council did all in their power to keep it in good shape without extra cost to the taxpayers. It's a big question. The Town Council did everything in their power to protect the tax payers. It's going to cost the tax-payers a good deal for grading, etc."

Mayor Kuhbach suggested "that the Council stand for the 'experimental fund,' and if not available then it is a question of a State Road if we want one. The width and everything else must be taken into consideration."

President Caufield read from a letter in his possession "that it is not the intention of the law that the Main street of a borough shall be improved out of the 'experimental fund.'"

Mayor Kuhbach: "It's a question whether we want a State Road in the borough when you see all the requirements." It was suggested by Mr. Penwarden that Mayor Kuhbach keep on corresponding with the State Highway Department and that Charles A. McCarty, our attorney, act with him.

"Our sewerage is the biggest question of all," said Mr. Ham. "The State," he continued, "got a complete map of every sewer in town." There were no written communications to be considered. Under unfinished business, several verbal applications for curbing, from Oscar Bunnell, Eleventh street, and Miss Carrie Weston, were mentioned. President Caufield said: "They must make written application. Then the Council can act, and it can be put on the minutes."

Under new business Mr. Genung stated that complaint had been entered about using the sidewalk on the other side of the bridge, at the lower end of town, for a driveway. Teamsters swing right in on the sidewalk, because they don't have quite so steep a turn. It was brought out that this was Company property. Mr. Penwarden said, "Put up some posts there so they can't drive in there. Put them right along the road." President Caufield suggested "that the Street Commissioner better look into that matter."

"You'll have to put in iron posts," said Mr. Penwarden. "If you put in wooden posts, they'll cut them off." It was felt that there ought to be something between the railroad and the sign post to keep the teams out.

President Caufield: "The teams swing in there pretty lively. If a man has a heavy load, he'll favor his horses every way he can."

Mr. Genung: "If there was a sidewalk, they couldn't do it."

Mr. Penwarden: "The teams going up, go in around, and come down that way too."

**Opera House Overcrowded?**  
Mr. Kimble said that complaints had been made to him "about the way the opera house is crowded nights."

Mr. Ham: "I was there Thanksgiving evening. It was an awful sight. If there had been a fire hundreds of people would have been killed."

Mr. Kimble: "There is a state law that they can't put chairs in the aisles and stand in the aisles." President Caufield: "If any one thinks it is our duty to look into the matter, they ought to tell us."

Mr. Kimble: "People would blame the Council if we didn't do anything."

President Caufield: "I don't know whether the borough should furnish 'gardeens' for the people. If it's crowded, people ought to stay out."

Mr. Kimble: "He (Mr. Dittich) ought to know his seating capacity."

President Caufield: "It's like a street car. There's always room for one more."

**The Power of the Press.**  
Mr. Penwarden: "Any complaint should be made in writing."

President Caufield: "If we should notify the Manager of the Opera House that reports were made that the house was overcrowded and life endangered, he would first ask who informed us."

Mr. Penwarden: "Let the secretary notify him. If it gets in the papers it will do more good than anything else."

President Caufield: "I have never been in that Opera House yet."

Mr. Genung: "You haven't?"

President Caufield: "I was in it when it was half-built. I did some work for them."

Mr. Penwarden: "I was in there four or five times."

One of the members said that when the Opera House was crowded the lives of children were endangered.

President Caufield: "It's your duty to look after your children. You don't want a 'gardeen,' do you?"

Mr. Ham: "When two or three hundred more than can be seated are crowded in, it's all wrong. He shouldn't sell tickets when all seats are sold."

President Caufield: "Let the papers do it."

Mr. Kimble: "Our attorney gave us his decision on it several years ago."

Mr. Genung: "He wants to make up for some of his lighter houses if he can."

President Caufield: "Whether we have a right without somebody making a complaint is another question."

One of the councilmen came in about 8:50 p. m. "I forgot all about it," he said. "I never thought about it until I came up the street and saw the light."

**Bills Paid.**  
The following bills were presented and upon motion were ordered to be paid:

Levi De Grote ..... \$59.00  
Frank Hull ..... 4.50  
George Marsh ..... 9.00  
Gus Swartz ..... 3.00  
F. Bauer ..... 11.35  
J. Bussa ..... 5.40  
David Robbins ..... 3.60  
Texas Township ..... 24.00  
L. Weidner ..... 80.56  
J. Fisher ..... 18.00  
T. Sweeney ..... 21.00  
J. Thomas ..... 17.18  
H. Knapp ..... 18.00  
M. Lee Brame ..... 32.81  
J. Odger ..... 10.40  
Fred Richter ..... 20.63  
Mr. Canavan ..... 45.00  
Kraft & Conger ..... 27.39  
Herald Press Association ..... 1.80  
Light ..... 277.47  
Supplies ..... 46.61

Five tons of buckwheat coal are used each month to heat Town Hall.

dent Caufield said little seems like a book are started. When it gets working it splits open. The rock from Jit's quarry on top of the hill would make good crushed stone. All surface stone in this section has been run over by forest fires.

Street Commissioner Weidner said that the State Highway Department would rather have a good wall stone, than quarry stone.

President Caufield: "He is mistaken there. Lots of them state men don't know as much as we do."

Street Commissioner Weidner: "A good wall stone is the best one of all, i. e., wall stone made of good solid rock. They (the Highway Department men) always take stone walls, all they can get hold of."

Adjournment was made at 9:08 p. m.

**Letter From Mr. Hunter.**  
Copies of a letter to Mayor Kuhbach were given to the reporters for publication. The letter reads as follows:

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.  
Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 25, 1910.  
Mr. John Kuhbach,  
Chief Burgess,  
Honesdale, Pa.

Dear Sir:  
Your favor of the 29th inst. received, accompanied by a petition signed by the Borough Council, the Judge of your County Court, and by numerous citizens of Honesdale, asking the State Highway Department to improve the main highway passing through the borough out of a fund which the Department has to pay for experimental work. It is not the intention of the law that the main street of a prosperous borough should be improved out of said fund at a cost of twelve or fifteen thousand dollars, which would about consume the amount available from said fund in a year. The State Highway Department is willing to help the borough in the improvement of the main street, which will be a connecting link between two township roads, under the Highway Act of May 1, 1905, and its supplements. In this way the State will pay seventy-five per cent. of the total cost of constructing a road similar to that constructed in an adjoining township, but the Borough must prepare the plans and establish the grades of the street. The Borough must pay 12 1/2 % of the cost and the county 12 1/2 % of the cost.

There is an application on file with the Department asking for the improvement of a section of the main street 2800 feet in length. The improvement of the section can be taken up when the money under a new appropriation becomes available, but it will cost less if the main street through the whole length of the town can be improved at one time and, in order to do this, an application should be filed at once with the Department.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) JOSEPH W. HUNTER,  
State Highway Commissioner.

**WHITE MILLS 28; HONESDALE 26**  
Fast Basket Ball Game At Neighboring Out Class Town Results In Close Victory For White Mills.

Special to THE CITIZEN.  
White Mills, Pa., Dec. 5.—A fast game of basket ball was played in Florence Theatre, Saturday evening, at 9 o'clock. A large crowd of "rooters" turned out to cheer the home team to victory, the final score being 28 to 26 in favor of White Mills.

The score at the end of the first half was 18 to 16 in favor of White Mills. Two games will be played January 1, 1911, at White Mills between the same teams, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The line-up for Saturday's game was as follows:

Honesdale. White Mills.  
W. Welch. Forward. Weidenbine (Guthrie).  
W. Okowitz. Forward. Wenders.  
G. Schields. Center. Jones.  
J. Barbieri. Guard. Beilman.  
D. Faatz. Guard. Fack.

Baskets from floor: Welch 7; Jones 4; Schields 4; Weidenbine 3; Wenders 3; Fack 2; Beilman 2; Barbieri 1. Fouls: Welch 1; Okowitz 1. Time of halves, 2 minutes. Referee, Joe Miller, White Mills; Timekeeper, Eugene Dorfinger, White Mills.

**\$20,000, Not \$40,000.**  
In accordance with information furnished a CITIZEN representative, it was stated in last Friday's issue that the Dyberry State road cost \$40,000. It has since been learned that the road only cost \$20,000.

# DELIGHTFUL EVENT NOMINATION BY FRIENDS

A VERY GREAT HONOR

**CHURCHWOMEN HOLD SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR IN M. E. PARLORS--OVER \$300 CLEARED FROM SALE OF FANCY AND USEFUL ARTICLES.**

The annual fair and oyster supper of the Whatsoever Circle held last Thursday evening, in the parlors of the Methodist Episcopal church, was a decided success both socially and financially. Much of the credit of the affair belongs to the president of the organization, Miss Irene F. Long, who was ably seconded in her efforts by the aggressive work of the ladies who served so efficiently on the various committees.

Four beautifully decorated booths, laden with all that appeals to lady's fancy, were speedily stripped of their finery and sweetmeats by a "candy-hungry" and "eager-to-buy" crowd. These ladies catered to the wants of the purchasers at the individual booths, of which there were four: Candy, Mrs. A. T. Bryant; assistants: Mesdames H. E. Bassett, G. W. Sell, Edward Jenkins, Frank Lent, Apron, Mrs. Francis Crago and Mrs. L. B. Swingle; Household, Mrs. E. E. Williams; assistants: Mesdames F. Histed and Cecil Fredericks; Fancy, Mrs. Buel Dodge; assistants: Mrs. J. L. Burcher, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Miss Irene F. Long.

Miss Ida Pethick had charge of the supper. Willing assistants were Mesdames James J. Bush, M. E. Simmons, T. A. Crossley, F. J. Varcoe, Isaac Hawker, H. A. Oday, Benj. A. Brown, Miss Emma Ferber. A number of out-of-town guests were in attendance, among those noticed being Mrs. Charles Hudson, Carbondale; Mrs. Dighton Daniels, Scranton.

The reception committee consisted of the Rev. Will H. Hiller, D. D. Mrs. E. H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, Miss Emma Ferber.

Music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Miss Grace Hanian, James Miller and Frank Robinson. Miss Amy Clark and others played piano solos. Mrs. C. F. Bullock and Mrs. N. J. Spencer were the music committee.

The total receipts amounted to \$362.23 and it is expected that the net proceeds will exceed those of last year. The money will be used to pay for the reslating of the church roof, Mrs. A. T. Bryant is the painstaking treasurer of the organization.

An itemized statement of the receipts which totalled \$362.23 is as follows: Supper, \$165; central booth, \$66.25; household booth, \$48.24; apron booth, Mrs. F. H. Crago, chairman, \$54.10; candy booth, \$25.24; flowers, \$2.79.

# STERLING SUICIDE

**SLASHES THROAT FROM EAR TO EAR--MELANCHOLY, SUPPOSED CAUSE OF DEATH--HAD BEEN TACITURN SINCE RETURNING FROM THE WILDS OF PIKE COUNTY.**

Sterling, Dec. 2.—Cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor, yesterday, Hudson A. Williams, aged forty-two years, clerk in the J. E. Cross store in this place, for almost eighteen years, driving team most of the time, calmly put the razor back in its case and carefully laying the case on a shelf from whence he had secured the weapon, fell over on the floor and died almost instantly. Melancholy, superinduced by drink, is supposed to have caused the act.

Williams was a single man and had been employed in the Cross store for twenty years. About a week ago he went into Pike county with a number of friends on a hunting expedition, and while absent, it is alleged, drank considerably. On his return home it was noticed that he was acting rather queerly, and friends watched him rather closely, fearing that he might make an attempt on his life.

Evading Mr. Cross a few minutes yesterday afternoon Williams stepped into a barber shop attached to the store, and taking one of the razors from the case lying on a shelf, drew the keen edged blade across his neck, making a very deep incision. Wiping the blood from the razor, he placed it back in the case, laid the case on the shelf again and then dropped over, dying almost instantly.

Mr. Williams has a sister, Mrs. Frank Lamberton, residing in the Green Ridge section of Scranton.

"Hut" was a faithful, honest man, but he had one very serious failing that he was not able to overcome, and that is he was an alleged slave to strong drink.

Funeral services were held Monday at Salem, Rev. J. H. Boyce officiating.

"Hut" had a host of friends and was a "good fellow," and his untimely end is greatly deplored.

The many friends of John H. Hale, State Highway Inspector, who has been spending several months in town overseeing the construction of the Dyberry state road, are exceedingly sorry to have him leave the Maple City, Wednesday, for Harrisburg, where he will spend the winter months. Mr. Hale, who is a Philadelphian, was most courteous and obliging in his treatment of the newspaper men, always ready and willing to furnish any information he was able, or at liberty to give them.

Five Delightful Vacations Are Going to be Furnished to as Many Ladies of this County--Have Your Friends Gather Up the 100 Vote Coupons Which Will Appear Until Dec. 7--Plenty of Room for Names on the List--Come on Ladies of Wayne County to The Beautiful Bermuda Islands.

[By H. C. Van Alstyne.]

**The Honor is Great.**

It is no small honor to be picked out by your friends as the person whom they think best qualified to win a vacation in Bermuda in THE CITIZEN contest.

It proves that they credit you with many fine traits and know that your popularity is great. Show them that they are right in their estimate of you. It will add much to their pleasure in the enjoyment of your trip to think that it represents such an amount of good will from those with whom you are associated.

**Energy and Popularity.**

In order to be one of the winners in THE CITIZEN'S Tour contest, it is not necessary for a candidate to devote all of her time to the contest—half of her time nor even a fourth of her time. A contestant can, by calling on her neighbors during her spare moments, amass a tremendous vote, and if they are at all popular, can get the aid of friends who will secure subscription votes and ballots for them and they will have little trouble in winning the trip given in her district. But a candidate must, by her own efforts, show her friends that she is interested, and that she wants and will appreciate their efforts.

While this is not a "most popular girl contest," nor a "beauty contest," popularity will be an important factor in the winning of the contest. A woman without friends who is not popular will stand no chance in the contest, yet on the other hand, the most popular woman in the state would stand little chance of winning if she did not make some effort on her own part to be a winner. Ben Franklin said: "The Lord Helps Them Who Help Themselves."

Let each lady whose name has been placed in nomination start out to-day and call upon the first five friends she may think of and ask them to give to her the votes that are given them by making a payment on subscription to THE CITIZEN.

Inquiries are coming in from all points asking for information re-

are somewhat easy to obtain. So do it now and do not let some one get a lead over you in your district, so that you will move to overcome it.

Miss O'Brien in the first district, is the strong lady to-day with Miss Hawker following and in her wake is Miss Griffin, who are all being hustled by the ones a little in the rear.

The rest of the contestants seem to be tending to their knitting and no doubt will make the little change in no time according to the large ballot cast so far.

While nominations will be coming in for a month yet, you had better get in at the start; be in with the early ones. Join this live bunch of hustlers and have the time of your life.

We will give the vote ballots issued on subscriptions as the subscriptions are turned in so that you can have the votes polled whenever you choose.

**How Votes Are Secured.**

A coupon will be printed in THE CITIZEN which will be good for the number of votes indicated on the face of the ballot. These ballots must be clipped out and sent to the ballot box in THE CITIZEN office before the expiration of the date printed thereon.

The best way to secure votes however, is by securing subscriptions to THE CITIZEN. Votes are allowed on subscriptions as outlined in the voting schedule printed below. With each cash subscription of \$1.50 or more to THE CITIZEN we will issue a certain number of votes according to the length of the subscription. The certificate votes issued on each subscription can be voted at any time during the contest (subject to the voting rules.)

Votes will be issued on each payment both on old and new subscriptions. Any person owing THE CITIZEN for subscription will be issued votes for any amount paid thereon more than \$1.50.

**Receipt Books Now Ready.**

The receipt books are now ready and those who wish to enter the con-



A BERMUDA RESIDENCE.

garding the different points of the contest.

Considerable surprise has come expressed by the readers of THE CITIZEN on account of the large number of Bermuda Tour contestants whose names were published in Friday's issue. Few people thought the contest at the start, at least would leap into such immediate favor, but from the looks of things now and the comparative standing of the working contestants it will be seen that things are beginning to boil.

In order that the contestants who do not win first and also because the contest is assuming such immense proportions, we have decided to give as secondary prizes, four diamond rings of the finest grade, which will make any young lady a proud possessor.

They will be given to the four young ladies having the next highest standing after the four Bermuda trips are awarded. This means that there will be something doing, so, girls, keep the secondary prizes in mind.

The standing of candidates is somewhat changed to-day from what it was last week as the contestants and their friends seem to have started to do things and from the looks of the list, if one will glance over it, it is plain to be seen who is getting the support; whether they have helped themselves or their supporters have done so is a question, but we are sure, now that the candidates have seen how things are starting out that it is time to get very busy and make things hum, for this is the time to get he subscriptions, when the contest is still young and they

test should call on the contest editor and get full information regarding the contest. Get extra receipt books for your friends and for a strong working organization. Start to work now, and do not say "I wish I had when you can say just as well, "I did and won."

The following schedule appertains to all subscriptions now turned in and we urge upon all prospective candidates to get your friends lined up and obtain their promises to take a subscription from you as soon as possible.

**The Ballot Box.**

The ballot box will be in the office of the tour manager, where votes or coupons clipped from THE CITIZEN or coupons issued on subscriptions may be cast. The contest is officially open now.

**Open Evenings.**

For the accommodation of those who wish to enter the contest or to gain information respecting it, and who cannot call during the day, the Contest Department will be kept open at night. If you are unable to call at any time, write or phone the contest manager and a representative will call and give you the desired information.

If you are interested, call and see him and get acquainted or telephone.

**A Christmas Present.**

What would be more appreciated for Christmas than a trip to Bermuda? Why not hand in a subscription to THE CITIZEN and help some young lady to win this trip. Your subscription maybe all she will

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